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Gentlemen:

Re: NOTICE OF TENTATIVE APPROVAL - M/015/041

Attached is a Notice of Tentative Approval from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, Department of Natural Resources, State of Utah.

It is requested that this notice be published ONCE ONLY as soon as possible, but no later than the <u>9th day of January</u>, <u>1996</u>. In the event that said notice cannot be published by this date, please notify me immediately by calling 538-5340.

Upon completion of this request, please send proof of publication and statement of cost to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 355 West North Temple, 3 Triad Center, Suite 350, Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203.

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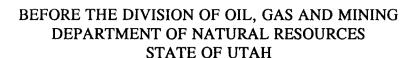
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IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE DECISION TO APPROVE A MINING AND RECLAMATION PLAN FOR DIAMOND K GYPSUM'S DKG QUARRY, EMERY COUNTY, UTAH

NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DECISION TO APPROVE

NO. M/015/041

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THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION, MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 9 EAST, SLBM, EMERY COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of its tentative decision to approve Diamond K Gypsum's Mining and Reclamation Plan for the DKG Quarry. Mining activities will effect the following area: NE1/4 SW1/4 and NW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 29, Township 22 South, Range 9 East, SLBM, Garfield County, Utah.

Diamond K Gypsum has submitted a permit application to expand their existing mining operation from a small mining operation to a large mining operation.

The operator will employ the following mining and reclamation techniques on approximately 12 acres of Private land.

During Operations:

Overburden removal with a 950 Cat Loader and a 280.2 Mitsubishi Trackhoe. Cryptobiotic crust (top ~4 inches) is to be salvaged and stockpiled for replacement during reclamation. The gypsum deposit is mined using a road reclaimer instead of drilling and blasting. There are no onsite processing facilities. Mined gypsum is stockpiled onsite and loaded into trucks for shipment. No oil, lubricants, or toxic substances will be drained onto the ground. Mining performed 6+ months out of the year.

After Operations:

All trash at the site will be removed to an authorized dump or landfill. All disturbed areas will be recontoured to approximate original surface contours. The recontoured area will be furrowed along the contour to leave a rough surface. Salvaged topsoil will be replaced on the recontoured areas. Salvaged cryptogamic soils will be placed on the replaced topsoil. Some reject fines may be placed in the pits as backfill. The disturbed area will be fertilized and seeded using a mix approved by the BLM and DOGM. If necessary, the reclaimed areas may be fenced to prevent damage by cattle grazing while the vegetation is reestablished.

The person representing the company is Mr. Phillip M. Palmer; Phone (801) 896-8870. Diamond K Gypsum is fulfilling obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Utah Code Ann. §40-8-18.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision to issue approval is hereby requested to submit written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to Lowell Braxton, Associate Director of Mining, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 355 West North Temple, 3 Triad Center, Suite 350, Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203, setting forth factual reasons for the complaint. If no responsive written protests are received by the Division within 30 days after the last date of publication, the tentative decision of the Division will be final.

DATED THIS 5th day of January, 1996.

STATE OF UTAH DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

James W. Carter

Director

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